**Media Analysis Prerequisite: None Credit: ½**

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**What is Media Analysis?**

Have you ever wondered how the models in magazines get such clear skin? Have you ever wondered why there are so many commercials on TV? Have you ever wondered how the media makers create special effects in videos and on film? You’ll find out the answer to these questions and more in this pre-requisite class to all other classes offered in Media Studies. Students must PASS Media Analysis BEFORE they can take Media Production—the next course in the Media Studies series.

**Where can I find the daily assignments?**

Daily assignments will be posted at <http://ferrismedia.wikispaces.com>. You must check this website daily for class assignments, daily news and information that I might provide for you. If you are absent it is your responsibility to get the work you have missed.

**How Will I Be Graded?**

Students’ grades will be based on the following things:

* Bellwork
* Daily lessons/Mini Projects
* Projects
* Quizzes
* I will use the standard final grade breakdown:
* A 90-100% (outstanding)
* B 80-89% (above average)
* C 70-79% (average)
* D 60-69% (below average)
* F 59% or below (failing)

**What textbook will I be using?**

There is no official textbook for my class. Since Media is ever changing and we try to keep things current, we do not rely on a textbook. You will be expected to take and keep notes for each unit and have them saved in your H Drive at school for reference. Notes will also be posted to the class wiki during that unit but it is your responsibility to have your own notes..

**How will assignments be submitted?**

The majority of work will be submitted through email. This allows for a digital record of the assignments and when it is turned in. You will need an email account you can access at school for this class.

**How Will My Behavior in Class Affect My Grade?**

This class requires you to be involved in class and not disruptive to others. If you are unable to handle yourself in a mature manner, you will not be able to participate in class activities and your grade will be lowered.

**How Do I Make Up Missing Work?**

You are expected to keep up with lessons and projects in class. You will be given a generous amount of time to finish them. Late work can be turned in a timely fashion with points deducted. If the work is late due to an excused absence, you will have one extra school day per day of excused absence to complete it without a reduction in grade. It will be your responsibility to indicate in the email that the assignment is late. All work can be completed within the class time as long as you are using your time wisely. I do have tutoring time before school and after school but it must be arranged 24 hours in advance so I know to expect you. This is ONLY offered for students who have missed class or who are using their time wisely. You can also travel to my room for FLEX 2 times a month. Arrangements must be made in advance and that is based on available space in my room

**Headphone Policy?**

Headphones are allowed but only when you are working independently. During class lectures all headphones/earbuds should be put away. Failing to follow these instructions could result in confiscation of your headphones. All headphones should be put away before you leave my classroom. (**Allowing headphones in class is not a school wide rule**.)

**What Should I Do if I Find Myself Struggling?**

Not all students learn the same way. Some of you will grasp the information the first time you hear it, others it might take a little longer. That’s OK! I will always try and give you plenty of class time to work on your assignments and start to craft your Photoshop skills. I will work with you in whatever way possible. In return, I ask one favor from you. When you start to feel the pressure of slipping downward let me know. DON’T ask your friend to give you their work. In other words…..DON’T CHEAT! Cheating is highly frowned upon in any of my classes. Be proud of YOUR work not someone else’s.

**Ask Three Before Me Policy**

Before raising your hand do the following:

1. Check the wiki.

2. Look at previous examples for guidance.

3. Ask 3 people who sit around you for assistance.

**Earn Extra Credit points now:**

Have your parents/guardians send me an email to the following address ferrer01@southredford.net with the following message and you will receive 10 EC points.

**I am the (mother/father) of (your name). I have read the course outline. The best way to contact me is either by (phone or email). YOU MUST put your first and last name in the SUBJECT line of the email or it will not go through and you will NOT receive the extra points. DEADLINE: February 7th.**